

### Edwards Secures Funding to Help Grimes County Law Enforcement Fight Crime

(WASHINGTON, DC) – Congressman Chet Edwards has secured \$100,000 to help the Grimes County Sheriff's Department upgrade their communications systems under the 2011 Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations bill, which passed its respective House Appropriations Subcommittee this week.

*"I believe we have an obligation to work closely with local law enforcement to protect our families from criminals. This new equipment will help our officers respond more quickly to emergency calls with the information they need to keep our communities safe,"* said **Edwards, a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee.**

Specifically, the \$100,000 secured by Edwards at the request of Grimes County law enforcement will help the Sheriff's Department upgrade communications technology between the police department, fire department, EMS, and other emergency personnel by upgrading mobile data terminals in patrol cars. This will ensure quicker response times and more open lines of communication between departments.

**Grimes County Sheriff Don Sowell** said, *"We are very thankful and pleased that this funding has been made available to Grimes County to enhance communication between first*

*responders, medical personnel, and law enforcement. In a scenario where time is always of the essence, this will go a long way to saving lives in Grimes County. We're extremely thankful to Congressman Edwards and his staff for responding to our needs."*

In addition to the \$100,000 added by Edwards to the 2011 bill, Edwards has secured \$876,000 since 2005 for technology upgrades for both the Grimes County Sheriff's Department and the Navasota Police Department.

The bill must still pass the House and Senate and be signed by the President.